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THE WORK OF PROMOTION WITHIN THE DIOCESE

At the conference center recently there was a meeting of the Field Department and the Department of Publicity to consider the work of promotion within the diocese.

The meeting was called at the request of Bishop Hart by the Rev. Harry S. Longley, chairman of the Field Department and Mr. George W. Kindon, chairman of the Department of Publicity. Dr. Longley presided and Bishop Hart opened the meeting with prayer.

Those attending included Bishop and Mrs. Hart, the Rev. Messers Longley, Van der Hiel, Rhein, Sachs, Jones, Thos. Parker, Bomberger, Alberts, Trowbridge, Back, Paynter, Roak, Long, and Messers Leech, Quig, Cashmore, Riley, Kindon, Reath, Alexander, Straus.

Mr. John W. Reinhardt, a layman from this diocese, who is Director of the Department of Promotion of the National Council, outlined the work of his department, which covers the fields of publications, public relations, radio and television, and stewardship, which is especially concerned with details relating to the Every Member Canvas.

Dr. Longley reported the results of the Every Member Canvas based on reports from 91 parishes and missions within the diocese which had responded to requests for information. Of 52 parishes with a person-to-person canvass in 1954 for 1955 pledges, 33 parishes below $20,000 report a total dollar increase over 1954 of $63,009.24, with an average percentage increase over 1954 of 23%. Nineteen parishes above $20,000 report a total dollar increase of $86,125.27, with an average percentage increase over 1954 of 13%. Total dollar increase over 1954 of 52 parishes, $149,134.51. Average percentage of increase over 1954 in 52 parishes, 16%.

Eight parishes without a person-to-person canvass report a total dollar increase over 1954 of $506.77. Average percentage of increase over 1954 of 1%. Twelve parishes reported that they held no canvass. Eighteen parishes gave insufficient information for tabulation.

Six key parishes, known to have had a carefully carried out canvass, reported the following results:

Parish One

1953—$
1954—$11,000
1955—$24,000
Increase, 1955, 118%

Parish Two

1953—$3,300
1954—$4,200
1955—$7,500
Increase, 1955, 79%

**Parish Three*

1953—$ 9,000
1954—$10,000
1955—$15,000
Increase, 1955, 50%

Parish Four

1953—$38,098
1954—$38.175
1955—$50,718
Increase, 1955, 33%

Parish Five

1953—$31,813.20
1954—$31,347.90
1955—$39,168.10
Increase, 1955, 25%

Parish Six

1953—$42,374.70
1954—$45,955.00
1955—$56,410.27
Increase, 1955, 23%

* Special emphasis on percentage giving

Those attending this meeting passed a motion requesting that the Field and Publicity Departments, now functioning under the Department of Finance and Property, be organized under a separate Department of Promotion. It was also the sense of this meeting that the principle of percentage giving be urged as the proper basis of stewardship on the part of the people of the diocese, instead of giving to meet a published minimum asking.

A colored moving picture portraying the work of the church, which was prepared by the Diocese of Virginia, was exhibited.

The staff of the Conference Center prepared a delicious dinner, which added much to the effectiveness of the occasion. The meeting was a typical demonstration of the advantages of the Conference Center as an ideal place for calling together those who are planning and working to improve and expand the activities of the diocese.

Noonday Lenten Preachers

ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, 12:30 to 12:55:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 23, The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Thursday, Feb. 24, The Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, D.D., Retired Bishop of Shanghai.

Fri. and Sat., Feb. 25-26, The Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge.

Mon.-Fri., Feb. 28-Mar. 4, The Rt. Rev. William Crittenden, D.D., Bishop of Erie.

Saturday, March 5, Rev. Henry M. Prentiss, Rector, St. Stephen's, Clifton Heights.

Mon.-Fri., March 7-11, The Rt. Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, D.D., Bishop of Central New York.

Saturday, March 12, Rev. Francis B. Rhein, Rector, St. Peter's Church, Phila.

Mon.-Fri., March 14-18, The Very Rev. Thomas H. Chappel, Dean, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg.

Saturday, March 19, Rev. Paul M. Washington, Vicar, St. Cyprian's Church, Phila.

Mon.-Fri., March 21-25, The Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh.

Saturday, March 26. Rev. T. Gordon Ott, Rector, Church of the Resurrection, Phila.

Mon.-Fri., Mar. 28-April 1, The Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., Dean-Emeritus, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland.

Saturday, April 2, The Rev. Nathanael B. Groton, D.D., Chaplain, Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Holy Week

Mon.-Thur., April 4-7, The Very Rev. Fred M. Adams, D.D., Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton.

Good Friday

10:30 A.M. Morning Prayer and Address.

12:30 P.M. Meditations, Bishop Hart.

1:00 P.M. Cantata, "Gethsemane to Golgotha," H. Alexander Matthews; Full Choir, Special Soloists.

2:00 P.M. Meditations, Bishop Hart.

Saturday, April 9, The Rev. A. A. Attenborough, B.D., Assistant Rector, St. Stephen's.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

February 23, Ash Wednesday, The Rev. Harry S. Longley, Jr., D.D., Church of the Holy Trinity.

February 24, 25, the Rev. James W. Kennedy, D.D., Church of the Ascension, New York.

February 28-March 4, The Rev. John E. Large, D.D., The Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York.

March 7, 9, 11, The Rev. Shelton H. Bishop, St. Phillip's, New York.

March 14-18, The Rev. Don Frank Fenn, D.D., St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Baltimore.

March 21-25, The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., National Cathedral, Washington.

March 28-April 1, The Rev. Harold J. Ockenga, Park Street Church, Boston.

HOLY WEEK—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, The Rev. Robert N. Back, St. Peter's Church, Glenside.

RETREATS FOR MEN AT CONFERENCE CENTER

In an effort to provide an opportunity for the men of the diocese to participate in corporate Retreats the following schedule has been established with competent Conductors. Each Retreat starts with supper on Friday and ends after breakfast on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is $9.00.

In order to make it easier for men desiring to attend, Mr. Howard Kellogg of Bryn Mawr and Mr. William Danforth of 614 Hillbourne Avenue, Swarthmore, have agreed to act as Captains for the Retreat to be held February 11, 12 and 13. The Rev. Philip Fifer of St. Peter's, Phoenixville, will be the Conductor. We hope very much that men who have found this method valuable will personally invite one or more friends to attend with them and will so notify Mr. Kellogg or Mr. Danforth. One need not feel that there is not adequate room as all will be most welcome.

Feb. 11, 12 and 13—The Rev. Philip Fifer.

March 11, 12 and 13—The Rev. J. McNeal Wheatley.

April 1, 2 and 3—The Rev. Thorne Sparkman.

May 13, 14 and 15—The Rev. William H. Jefferys.

June 10, 11 and 12—The Rev. William B. Stimson.

SOCIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE

The annual Institute of the Department of Christian Social Relations, Diocese of Pennsylvania, will be held this year in the Christ Church Neighborhood House, 20 North American Street, on Tuesday, February 15. According to Mr. Sydney L. W. Lea, Chairman of the Department, this year's Institute will be devoted to the development of plans to fulfill the Diocesan undertaking to provide assurances for 100 of the 209,000 persons uprooted by war, civil strife or natural disaster, who were authorized for entry into the United States under the special immigration provisions of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. The project has been made the responsibility of the Department of Christian Social Relations, Division of World Relief and Church Cooperation, of which Martin P. Snyder, Esq., of Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, is chairman.

Mrs. Loring Dam has agreed to coordinate the work of the Woman's Auxiliaries with that of the Diocesan Division, in the over-all activation of the Refugee program. Mrs. James Sands of Media is Chairman of the Institute, and The Rev. James R. MacColl, 3rd, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, is serving as Program Chairman.

The afternoon meeting, which is scheduled for 5:30 P.M., will be devoted to the showing of the motion picture, "The Signature," which was prepared by the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, and features The Rev. Almon R. Pepper, D.D., Director, Department of Christian Social Relations, National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M., and from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., there will be a prominent speaker followed by a panel discussion of what the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 means to America both in responsibilities and opportunities.

At the time of going to press, specific arrangements have not been completed regarding the guest speaker or those to participate in the panel discussion. These will be announced later through Parish Bulletins and the daily press.

Dinner reservations should be made without delay because when the maximum of 200 has been received, no more will be made. Miss Florence Davies, The Church House, 202 W. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia 3, Pa., will handle reservations for the dinner meeting.

CONFIRMATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Feb. 6 (aft.) St. Timothy, Roxborough, (evg.) St. Matthias, Phila., Bishop Roberts.

Feb. 13 (a.m.) Good Shepherd, Kensington, (p.m.) St. Gabriel, Phila., Bishop Hart; (a.m.) Holy Trinity, Phila., (p.m.) St. Monica, Phila., Bishop Armstrong; (aft.) St. Martin, Marcus Hook, (evg.) St. James, Prospect Park, Bishop Roberts.

Feb. 20 (a.m.) St. Paul, Chestnut Hill, Bishop Hart; (a.m.) St. Peter, Germantown, (p.m.) St. Peter, Phoenixville, Bishop Armstrong; (evg.) St. Barnabas, Haddington, Bishop Roberts.

Feb. 23, Ash Wednesday, (p.m.) St. Faith, Brookline, Bishop Hart; (p.m.) St. Andrew, West Phila., Bishop Armstrong.

Feb. 27 (a.m.) St. Asaph, Bala, Bishop Hart; (a.m.) St. Luke, Germantown, (p.m.) St. Peter, Glenside, Bishop Armstrong; (evg.) Redeemer, Andalusia, Bishop Roberts.

Mar. 6 (a.m.) St. John's, Norristown, (p.m.) St. Augustine's, Norristown, Bishop Hart; (a.m.) Our Saviour, Jenkintown, (p.m.) All Saints', Crescentville, Bishop Armstrong; (aft.) St. Mark's, Phila., (evg.) Messiah, Phila., Bishop Roberts.

Mar. 13, (a.m.) St. Paul's and St. Luke's, Chester, (p.m.) St. Mary's, Chester, Bishop Hart; (a.m.) Trinity, Coatesville, (p.m.) St. Cyril's, Coatesville, Bishop Armstrong; (aft.) Christ Church, Ridley Park, (evg.) Trinity, Collingdale, Bishop Roberts.

Mar. 20 (a.m.) Calvary, West Phila., (p.m.) Good Shepherd, Paoli, Bishop Armstrong. (aft.) Huntingdon Valley Chapel, (eve.) Epiphany, Sherwood, Bishop Roberts.

Mar. 25, Feast of the Annunciation, (p.m.) St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bishop Armstrong; (p.m.) St. Mary's Chapel, Bishop Roberts.

Mar. 27 (a.m.) St. James, Bristol, (p.m.) St. James, Langhorne, Bishop Armstrong; (aft.) The Saviour, West Phila., (eve.) St. Simon the Cyrenian, Bishop Roberts.

Bishop Hart's Message

The number of communicants in the Episcopal Church, as reported in the Living Church Annual for 1955, is the largest in its history. These records reflect the state of the Church at the end of 1953. The total number of communicants jumped from 1,777,631 in 1952 to 1,816,611 in 1953. The total number of baptized persons is 2,907,321.

In the table of percentage of increase and decrease in number of communicants, the Diocese of Pennsylvania stood 52nd. We showed an increase in 1953 of 2.24%. This is an improvement over our record for 1952 which was an increase of .86%. The grand total percentage of increase of communicants in 1953 is 2.19%. Therefore, our Diocesan increase is .05% over that of the grand increase. Six Dioceses in this Province showed a larger percentage of increase in communicants in 1953 than we did. Five Dioceses showed a smaller increase.

I should like to say again that I appreciate the almost complete cooperation that I am receiving from Vestries in regard to a careful check of those confirmed in the last ten years and a report to a Bishop at the time of his Visitation. A few parishes have done nothing about it, but in general, the Vestries have cooperated splendidly. I hope the Vestries will not leave it simply to the Rector to write a letter to those confirmed during the last ten years and invite them to the service, but that the Vestry will see that a personal visit is made to the recent confirmees so that an accurate report can be made to the Bishop at the time of his Visitation.

This is a good time for me to remind the people of the Diocese that every parish and mission is required by the general canons to prepare annually for the year ending December 31st preceding, upon the blank form adopted by the General Convention, a report of the number of communicants in the parish, the official acts for the year and the financial report. The canons require that this report should be sent to the Bishop not later than February 1st. I want to call special attention to the fact that the preparation and delivery of this report is the joint responsibility of the Rector and Vestry. In some cases, the Rectors are very careful to have their report ready not later than the fifteenth of January, but often the reports are not sent in because the Vestry's financial part of the report has not been completed. To meet this situation, our Diocesan Convention has requested the Vestries to send in the financial report as reported to the January meeting of the Vestry, or to the Annual Parish meeting and leave it to a later date to send in the Annual financial report which has been audited by a Certified Public Accountant. I'd appreciate it very much if Vestries would give attention to this matter and enable all the parishes to have their reports in on time, if possible.

On Friday, February 4th through Saturday afternoon, February 5th, I am having a conference for Vestrymen at the Conference Center. One representative from a number of our Vestries will be present and we plan to discuss together matters pertaining to the work of Vestries, the program of the Diocese and other matters of general interest to us all in the Church. The outlook is that 1955 will be a good year in the life of the Diocese.

YOUR BISHOP

Oliver Hart

In the DIOCESE

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The Rev. Wm. Hugh Fryer, rector of the Church of the Trinity, Coatesville, recently commemorated the 25th anniversary of his ordination. There was a service in the church in the morning, with the Rev. Stanley R. West as preacher. This was followed by a coffee hour and reception in the parish house, when parishioners presented Mr. Fryer with a sum of money and an appropriately engraved silver bowl.

The building fund of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, amounts to more than $135,000. Plans are under consideration for an extensive expansion program for this parish.

Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale, has recently published an interesting booklet containing the names of officials and leaders and a history of the church since its founding in 1880.

The Rev. T. Urban Holmes was advanced to the priesthood in Salsbury, N. C. Dec. 27. The preacher was the Rev. William J. Alberts, rector of Christ Church, Media, where the candidate served while he was a student in the seminary.

The Rev. Ninan Kallumpurath, pastor of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, Kuzhikala, Travancore, India, who is a graduate student at the Philadelphia Divinity School, has been at work each week at St. James Church, Kingsessing. Dressed in native costume, he gave a brief address on his country and people when this parish observed "India Night."

The 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Albert M. Holloway, rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, was marked at the conclusion of the morning service on Dec. 19, when he was presented with a chalice and patten, made in England and appropriately engraved.

The Alaskan bell in the Washington Memorial National Carillon at the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, will be dedicated Saturday, February 19 at 11 a.m. The bell has been given by the Rev. Frederick B. Hornby, who also gave the Hawaii bell, which was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day. 5,000 Boy Scouts, present for their annual visit, will attend the exercises on Feb. 19.

A preaching mission will be conducted in St. Andrew's Church, Yardley, from Feb. 27 to Mar. 6, by the Rev. William Turkington and Brother James of the Order of the Holy Cross. Mission services every night at 8, Young People's Mission at 3:30 (Monday through Friday), Holy Communion daily at 7 and 10:15 A.M.

The vestry of St. James Church, Kingsessing, voted to send the Rev. T. K. Aoki, St. John's Church, Tokyo, and the Rev. Paul Hayashi, St. Peter's Church, Abashiri, Japan, $25.00 each for use in their parish work. Previously the Sunday School officers and teachers had sent $25.00 to each for their personal use.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, has been granted a charter by the Boy Scouts of America as sponsor of a Cub Pack—Mr. Dunwoody Zook is Committee Chairman, Mr. Frank Ellis III is Cub Master, Mr. Benjamin Ruggiero, Assistant Cub Master. Members of the Church who are Den Mothers are as follows: Mrs. Ellen Scattergood Zook, Mrs. Mary De Mauriac, Mrs. Kate George, Mrs. Beatrice McLoed, Mrs. Louise Daugherty.

The Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown, recently presented the candidate and preached the sermon when his son, the Rev. Paul Twelves, was advanced to the priesthood at All Saints' Church, Chelmsford, Mass.

A pre-lenten quiet day will be held at the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square, Wednesday, Feb. 16. The leader will be the Rev. William Turkington, of the Order of the Holy Cross.

City water has been installed in the church and rectory at All Saints' Church, Crescentville, replacing the uncertainty of a well which was previously the source of supply.

New athletic equipment has recently been donated to Christ Church, Second Above Market Street, by Mr. Jack Bernstein of Stan Textile Co.

Mr. Harold R. Tawresey, a law clerk in the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia, recently spoke to the Men's Fellowship of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator on "You Can't Take It With You."

On three evenings in Christmas week Dr. Charles F. Penniman, director of the Education Center of St. Louis, Mo., visited the Church of the Holy Trinity West Chester, to discuss with parents, teachers, and organization leaders, the parish program of Christian Education.

Dean Gifford and Bishop Hart, together with Messrs Borie and Smith, Architects, studying plans for proposed new Refectory at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

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THE CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

On February 15th at 1 P.M., a Valentine Dessert Bridge at the Club House, 1919 Walnut St. Proceeds of party for fund for renovation of kitchen. Donation—$1.00 per person.

A group meets every Friday morning from 10:30 A.M. until 4 P.M. for plain sewing for Episcopal Hospital. Workers are welcome.

Interesting programs have been arranged for Tuesday evenings during February. Plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship of the Club.

VARIED ACTIVITIES OF A CENTER CITY PARISH

The Community Services of St. Luke and The Epiphany, located on 13th Street below Spruce, are many and varied. In the long list we mention the following. (1) The Diocesan Woman's Auxiliaries, usually three a year. (2) Two women's Clubs, the Golden Age and the Mothers. (3) Cerebral Palsy group of about one hundred on Friday evenings. (4) Entertainments and Commencements for the Taylor School. (5) Baccalaureates for the School of Nursing of Jefferson Hospital. (6) Frequent assemblies of 150 persons of the Spruce Street Improvement Association. (7) The Mendelssohn Club for rehearsals and four Recitals often attended by 800 persons. (8) The Housing of the work for the Blind under Mrs. Walter Price. This Church makes every effort to make real its interest in the welfare of the Community. In addition the Church is used many days of the year for Communions, weddings, funerals, meetings of Vestry, Altar Guild, Woman's Auxiliary, and services of public worship. Among all the services of the year that of Good Friday is probably the most notable with an attendance the past few years of about twelve hundred worshippers.

SEYMOUR MEMORIAL AT ST. GEORGE'S, ARDMORE

At Christmas time there was presented and dedicated at St. George's Church, Ardmore, two silver cruets in loving memory of the Rev. Frederick E. Seymour, the first vicar of this church. This gift is part of the Seymour Memorial, and besides the cruets a substantial amount of money has been raised and set aside for a scholarship fund. The purpose of the fund is to aid theological students from this parish while they are studying in Theological Seminaries. It is hoped that this Seymour Memorial Scholarship Fund may be increased from time to time by additional gifts from the friends of the late Mr. Seymour.

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

For the past several years the Student Vestry of The Episcopal Academy has conducted a weekly offering in the Chapel and allocated the contributions to certain worthy purposes. During the fall term this year, the collections averaged $66, and were donated to Care, Cerebral Palsy Association, American Cancer Society, The United Fund, the Council for Religion in Independent Schools, The Academy Chapel, The Jimmy Fund, Philadelphia Tuberculosis Association, and The George Cerio Fund.

The Academy's annual Ash Wednesday Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Chapel on February 23 at 8 A.M. All alumni and friends of The Academy are cordially invited to the service and to breakfast which will follow in The Academy dining room.

Chaplain McDowell, Mr. Anthony Ridgway, Frederick C. Haab, Jr., William Lilley, Jr., Ralph T. McLean, Samuel H. French, Jr., and E. William Ross will attend the annual conference at Buck Hill Falls conducted by the Council for Religion in Independent Schools on February 4, 5, and 6. The conference, the theme of which is "Spiritual Man in an Age of Power," will be led by The Very Reverend John B. Coburn, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Newark, N. J.

DIOCESAN-WIDE CORPORATE COMMUNION

For many years the Brotherhood of St. Andrews has sponsored a corporate communion for the men and boys of the diocese on or near Washington's Birthday.

This year the service will be held at six centers as follows: St. Stephen's Church, 19 S. 10th Street; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill; Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg; Conference Center, Radnor; St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne; Advent, Hatboro.

In each place the service will be held at 8 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19. Following the service of Holy Communion, breakfast will be served at a cost of $1.25. Make reservations early. At 9:15 over radio station WFLN Bishop Hart will deliver an address to be tuned in at each of the six centers. This radio program will also include music by the choir of St. Peter's Church, 3d and Pine Streets.

Participants in a Masonic Service held recently at Christ Church, Second Street. From left to right: the Rev. Erik H. Allen, assistant at Christ Church; Bishop Hart; the Rev. George A. Avery, R. W. Grand Secretary; the Rev. Arthur Murray, Grand Chaplain.

WOMAN'S

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President's Message

Ash Wednesday will soon be here. What are your plans for Lent this year? The Woman's Auxiliary suggests a study of the Prayer Book. Often, when the Woman's Auxiliary five-fold program of prayer, study, work, gifts and fellowship is discussed, study seems to present a stumbling block. The word study should not frighten us because we can learn in so many different and delightful ways. If we are not constantly acquiring new facts and ideas from our parish programs, something is wrong. The meetings should be too interesting to miss, and each one of us has a responsibility to make them so. We can attend our group meetings regularly, we can hear good speakers, we ourselves can look up and bring in information, in discussion groups we can exchange ideas and we can also read at home.

Whatever the study subject and whatever the way we tackle it, during this Lenten season may we all grow in personal and corporate knowledge of God's love and His will for us.

Triennial Delegates

The report of the Nominating Committee was unanimously accepted by the Diocesan Board and the following delegates and alternates to the Triennial meeting in Honolulu were duly elected: Delegates—Mrs. Henry J. Gideon, Mrs. Samuel Kirkpatrick, Mrs. James G. Ludwig, Mrs. Charles Myers, Mrs. James Sands. Alternates—Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman, Mrs. Edward Copper, Mrs. Oliver J. Hart, Mrs. P. Blair Lee, Mrs. Jasper W. Nicolls.

In presenting these names the Committee stated that the five delegates and alternates were chosen on the basis of their knowledge of and experience in the total program and their positions of responsibility in the Diocese. The Committee felt the choice of a sixth delegate to represent a minority group smacked of segregation, and would not be in harmony with the spirit of this Diocese, where inter-racial parishes are encouraged. Therefore, the Committee recommended the deletion of the phrase in Article 5 of the By-laws, "that one additional delegate from any racial minority group with at least three congregations with at least 225 communicants." The Board approved such revision of the By-laws, and thanked the Nominating Committee and its chairman, Mrs. U. Grant Beath.

New Service League

Riverview is the name for those buildings in Holmesburg which house 1000 of the city's aged who are without means of support and many of whom have no near relatives. Here the members of the staff are trying valiantly to give back self-respect and dignity to many who have lost confidence and hope. We are getting a great deal nowadays at Riverview for our tax dollar, some of the new look includes an Occupational Therapist and a Director of Education. Most helpful of all are the chaplains; and Chaplain Seabolt has found a group of women, most of whom come from Emmanuel Church, eager to assist him.

The Department of Christian Social Relations with the assistance of Miss Louise Lewis of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, and our President, Mrs. Myers, has undertaken to form a third Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service at Riverview. The ten or twelve parishes in the Northeast section of the city near Riverview should be particularly interested in helping in this work.

An organizational meeting was held at which eight churches were represented. Several of the women promised to go to the Home and visit or work in occupational therapy. It is hoped branches will arrange parties for the members at Riverview and others will make shawls and robes. Volunteers are needed and this new venture asks for the prayers of the church family.

World Day of Prayer

Theme—Abide in Me—St. John 15:4

Thousands of Christians in the United States and in 128 countries around the world will be united in prayer on February 25, 1955, the first Friday in Lent. The purpose of this Day is to bring Christians together in prayer, and express our concern for Christian missions at home and abroad through our offering.

The 1955 CALL TO PRAYER reads in part:

The mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Ps. 50:1

Come with the comfort of His love, abiding;

Come with the sense of His grace, divining;

Come with the knowledge of His wisdom, plenteous;

Come with the sureness of His power, endless;

Come with the joy of His presence, radiant;

Come with the hope of His promises, certain;

And ABIDE in prayer with Him and with Christians everywhere.

Consult the newspapers to find where your community service will be held.

Christian Social Relations

At its meeting on Friday morning, February 18th, the Christian Social Relations Department will observe Brotherhood Month.

Mr. Maurice Fagin of Fellowship Commission will relate the fiindings of the Supreme Court ruling regarding segregation in schools. He will also review our Pennsylvania Legislature's action regarding F.E.P.C. and any recent developments on the local level.

Our Go-See-Trip to St. John's Settlement House will leave the Church house that afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. This trip is planned especially for new delegates and presidents. Bus transportation is free but reservations must be made before February 15th at the Woman's Auxiliary office.

AUXILIARY

Christmas Committee

The Department of Diocesan Affairs met at the Church House on December 8th, the day scheduled as Packing Day for the Christmas Committee. Although the Christmas Committee is now part of the Supply Department, it is still the concern of the Department of Diocesan Affairs to interpret this program to the parishes. Due to the change in the requests from the Missions and Institutions, wrapping of gifts is no longer necessary, so this opportunity was taken to hear from those receiving the gifts and to learn how they are distributed.

Miss Eleanor Deane, formerly at St. Elizabeth's Mission, told about the Christmas preparations at several of the Missions in neighborhoods where they follow the customs of their forebears and place great emphasis on family and religious observances. At one Mission the children join in a service of thanksgiving after receiving their gifts. It seems that we can learn a great deal from them in this era of commercial and secular emphases so prevalent at the Christmas season.

Mr. Charles Cacase, of St. Martha's House, gave a description of the festivities there which reach all ages from the tiny children to the Golden Age Group.

Among requests filled were: 12 kindergarten chairs for Annunciation and St. Christopher's; flutes and harmonicas for Fellowship House for children 7-12 so that musical clubs can be formed to help keep the children off the streets; a yearly subscription to The *Inquirer* for the Family Service at the City Mission; special gifts for seven or eight children on the Foster Home list at the City Mission: $50.00 in cash for the work among the blind at City Mission. Suitable gifts were sent to the following: St. John's Settlement House, Byberry, Children's Service, Inc., Philadelphia General Hospital and Harrison Home.

We are very grateful to all who helped make the program a success.

Calendar of Events

All meetings at the Church House at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

Light lunch served Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wed., Feb. 2
Committee on Negro Work

Fri., Feb. 4
No meeting of Department of Diocesan Affairs

Fri., Feb. 4
Diocesan Board (open to visitors)

Wed., Feb. 9
Domestic Committee
Speaker—The Rev. Robert J. Plumb
Executive Secretary
Armed Forces Division—National Council

Fri., Feb. 11
Department of Prayer and Worship
Topic—"Intercessions"
Speaker—Rev. James R. MacColl

Wed., Feb. 16
Joint Meeting
Overseas Committee
Indians' Hope Association
Speaker—Representative from the Overseas Mission Society

Wed., Feb. 16
Evening Committee
6:15 p.m. — Supper — Churchwoman's Club
7:30 p.m.—Meeting at the Church House
Topic—New Horizons for the Church
Speaker—The Rev. William Powell
Slides—Evanston Assembly

Fri., Feb. 18
Dept. of Christian Social Relations
Speaker—Mr. Maurice Fagin, Director Fellowship Commission
1:30 p.m.—Go-See-Trip to St. John's Settlement House

Wed., Feb. 23
ASH WEDNESDAY—no meetings

Fri., Feb. 25
World Day of Prayer
(see your newspapers for community services)

Looking Ahead

March 2
Committee on Negro Work

March 4
Dept. of Diocesan Affairs

March 9
Domestic Committee

March 18
Dept. of Christian Social Relations
Topic—Our Church's Refugee Program

Provincial Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman, Mrs. Jasper W. Nicolls and Mrs. Charles Myers journeyed to Washington for the two-day winter meeting of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary held at the College of Preachers.

The Blind

The Woman's Auxilary of the Diocese has voted not to participate in the 1955 Educational Week for the Blind at Gimbels. For years this work has had the loyal support of many parishes, and our hearty thanks go to all the women who in the past worked so hard and gave so generously.

Our City Mission's Church work among the Blind needs our support. Therefore, it is hoped that all who formerly took part in the Educational Week for the Blind in the future will help the blind by sending their checks to the Phila. P. E. City Mission, 225 South Third Street, Phila. (6).

Evening Committee

On February 16th at the Church House at 7:30 p.m. the Evening Committee will have the privilege of a first-hand report of the Assembly of the World Council of Churches. The Rev. William D. Powell, top executive of the Phila. Council of Churches, will speak on "New Horizons for the Church" and show his pictures of Evanston. Come and bring your friends, especially those who are employed in the daytime.

Founders Committee

The Founders Committee has presented to Bishop Hart a check for $1000.00 for his Discretionary Fund.

This check was made possible from the sale of articles brought into the Cooperative Shop at 1735 Sansom Street, by the people of the diocese. The Founders Committee takes this opportunity to express its appreciation for the cooperation of parish branches and hopes that they will continue to support this work by bringing articles to the shop.

Summer Plans

February is none too soon to make summer plans. Be sure your young people hear about the work camps, settlement house and building projects

that offer them an opportunity to spend their summer joining in the work of the Church. In all parts of the country the Church has centers where young men and women may work, play and pray together while engaged in practical service for their Church. Most of these projects provide board and lodging, and all of them provide an interesting and inspiring summer. Contact the Church House for detailed information (leaflets available) on Summer Job Opportunities.

Plan to attend the Provincial Conference at Hood College in Maryland, June 12-18 (programs ready before Easter)!

ENTERTAINMENT WANTED AT HOUSE OF REST

The House of Rest for the Aged will supply forty-two ladies any afternoon or evening—an attentive and appreciative audience. What talent can your parish provide to entertain these ladies? This past fall the Bell Telephone Company brought an hour and a half of interesting motion pictures to the House. Can someone in your parish bring similar company entertainment?

Do you have a traveler in your parish —one who is also a camera fan? In November Miss Umbach showed her slides of Alaska. What kind of entertainment can the young people's group in your parish offer? In December, young carol singers came to the House of Rest from Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, and other teen-age groups from All Hallows', Wyncote, and St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, entertained. Are the younger children of your parish anxious to display their talents? Brownie Troop No. 141, composed of forty children approximately nine years old, under the leadership of Mrs. Crumrine and her three helpers, sang for the ladies of the House and brought a special treat of candy.

Can musical talent be found in your parish? Mr. William Shuttleworth, a letter carrier in the Chestnut Hill area, is most generous in giving his time to musical entertainment. He visited the House of Rest in October with his daughter and a group of entertainers to provide music and fun with his accordion. The Board of Managers of the House of Rest, who supplied the transportation, as well as the guests of the House will long remember the wonderful annual Christmas tea party given by the Woman's Auxiliary of All Saints', Wynnewood, in its parish house. Perhaps some of the ladies of your parish would enjoy being hostesses. Any such pleasant occasions may easily be planned for the ladies of the House of Rest if you will contact Mrs. Howard D. Day, 493 E. Gravers Lane, Philadelphia 18, CH 7-7885, and talk to her about the talent your parish can provide.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Fifteen thousand young girls celebrated National Girls' Friendly Society Week, January 23-30, with special projects of worship, recreation, study, and service. The members of the Society, which is sponsored by the Protestant Episcopal Church for girls, 7-21, of all faiths, will place primary emphasis on India, the locale selected for their 1955 mission study.

During the celebration week Girls' Friendly clubs across the country began money-raising efforts to help construct chapels in Indian villages and support women Church workers in that area.

1955 will also see the Girls' Friendly Society World Assembly, to meet in London in June. Young representatives from all over the world will be guests of the Girls' Friendly Society of Great Britain. One or two teen-agers from each of the eight provinces of the Episcopal Church are to be selected as America's delegates on the basis of their participation and leadership in the Society.

The Girls' Friendly Society in the Diocese is planning to closely co-operate in the Annual Youth Service, to be held February 20th at 4 P.M. at Old Christ Church, having an active part in this service and attending in goodly numbers. The speaker will be the National Chairman of the Division of Youth, the Rt. Rev. Richard Watson, Missionary Bishop of Utah.

The Annual Quiet evening for the Society will be on February 25th at St. Margaret's House, Germantown Ave. above Coulter Street, when it will be a great privilege to have as the leader the Rev. Dr. William Jefferys of St. Martin's Church, Radnor. All members and interested friends will be well compensated by attending. Contact Mrs. John Llewellyn, 8738 Wissahickon Ave., Phila. 28, IV 3-7381.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Clerical Union attended service and luncheon at St. George's Church, West Philadelphia, on Dec. 15.

The Kupples Klub of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, recently painted the walls and chairs in the kindergarten department of the parish house.

The Rev. Joseph L. Iredale, assistant at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, was advanced to the priesthood at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine by the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Bishop of New York, on Dec. 19.

CLERGY INSPECT RED CROSS BLOOD CENTER LABORATORY

As the first move in a new educational program to acquaint representative groups with its operations, clergymen of all denominations were invited recently to inspect Red Cross headquarters at 253 N. Broad St. Shown studying a serological slide in the blood center laboratory are: (l. to r.) The Rev. Dr. William Barnes Lower, of John Chambers Presbyterian Church, 28th and Morris Sts.; The Rev. Thomas J. Love, S.J., rector of Old St. Joseph's R. C. Church, 321 Willings Alley, the Rev. Edward B. Pollanick, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Sts., and Rabbi Yaakov G. Rosenberg, of Temple Beth Zion, 18th and Spruce Sts., Mrs. Edith Crane, Red Cross medical technician, is at the microscope.

Flowers of Truth Instead of the Weeds of Sin

A Meditation by

THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG

Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

To those of us who have opened our minds and our hearts to the magnificence of God's perfect expression of Himself in this world in the coming and visiting of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through Christmas and the Epiphany there can not help but be a fullness of joy and thankfulness in the beauty and perfectness of God. It is encouraging to each one of us to know how much He cares and to know that He trusts us even with Himself.

It is of the utmost importance that we follow this wonderful experience with a just and true evaluation of ourselves and our needs in this Year of Grace 1955. We thought together a month ago that in us and through us, in our daily lives, God means to express Himself. He does this only when we are close to him and behave as he would have us behave. Since this is so we come face to face with that which clouds our vision, indeed that which binds us in chains—not only our personal sin but our corporate sin. How easy it is for us to rationalize the behaviour that comes between, or separates us from, the love of God which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

It is only when we see clearly, not only the beauty of God but the possibility of the beauty of God being made manifest in us, that a full realization of the importance of our loneliness and our frustration becomes clear. There is in our time a widespread recognition of man's need for the strength, for the courage and for the companionship with God and with one another that is the crying need of our time. We are hearing voices on every hand asking what to do and this is strange.

The one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church has been telling God's children the way to restore this broken relationship for centuries. The Church's teaching technique, the Christian year, has been leading the faithful through the Way. The Vision which the Church has been vouchsafed of the Glory of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord being shown to man on earth is given that man may have the vision of that which is possible for *him* on earth. This is the way of learning to curb the interests and desires of sinful man so that in the garden of ones life the flowers of truth may grow in a place that had been occupied by the weeds of sins. To see a picture of the beauty that can be in the planned garden of a human life gives us the wisdom and the strength to root out that which destroys the beauty. In our lives this must be done by willing, even joyous, self discipline. The Church has known for centuries that which psychology in modern times has been asserting as a great discovery.

It is only by thinking and doing day by day, indeed minute by minute, the thoughts and acts that arise out of the mercy and forgiveness of God in our hearts; that which St. Paul describes as rooted in Charity. It is for this reason that the Church commends to us the practice of fasting that we may bring our physical desires under control. It is for this reason that our thoughts are directed to the purpose for which we are created as they are made clear to us in both Old and New Testament. It is for this reason that we take time, as Mary did, to ponder these things in our hearts in our daily quiet times. It is for this reason that we draw together with the members of the family that we may come under the benefit described by our Lord "when two or three are gathered together in His name." It is for this reason that God Himself comes to us in the Sacraments—especially of Baptism and Holy Communion. It is for this reason that God has trusted us with our gifts of sight, hearing, speech and touch. It is for this reason that He has made us stewards of time and money that we may learn that in the right stewardship of all creatures the Glory of God is made manifest.

THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY

The Diocesan Library is yours, provided free by the Diocese to help you in your spiritual development and study. Come in, browse around, and choose whatever book you want. The only string attached is that you be sure to check your book out at the Information Window and bring it back safely so that someone else may have the use of it. If you wish to find a book on a certain subject, but do not know just what book you should have, ask the Librarian to help you. Phone calls and visits to Room 37, third floor where the catalogue is located, are honored by every effort to help you.

New Books Purchased are:

Anglican Congress 1954—P. M. Dawley

Appointment With God—J. B. Phillips

Approaches to God—Jacques Maritan

Calvin Theological Treatises—J. K. S. Reid

Early Christianity—Burton S. Easton

Everyday Life in New Testament Times—A. C. Boquet

Go Preach—Theodore Wedel

Jesus and His Ministry — Wallace and Marion Rollins

How Our Bible Came to Us — H. G. Herklots

Making Men Whole—J. B. Phillips

John Whitgift and the English Reformation —P. M. Dawley

CHORAL GROUP TRIP TO NEW YORK

Music is increasingly taking a major part in the curriculum of Christ Church and St. Michael's Church School and as a reward for outstanding work in this field, forty girls were taken on a trip to New York City. The group boarded a chartered bus and under the sponsorship of their choir director, Miss Anne I. Courtney and several chaperones journeyed to Rockefeller Center to see the Christmas production. In spite of the rain the trip was enjoyed by all and the girls returened in gay spirits ready to start rehearsals for their coming Spring Choral Pageant.

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lenten Study

By this time you should have in your hands the Lenten Study Guide in which the following pamphlets were inserted, as further aids for expanding the study of *THE CITY; "These City People," 'How Cities Grow," "The Parish—Power House of Your Community,"* and *"In the Heart of the City."* Preparations for your parish Lenten Study program should be well under way, be sure to call on us for further help and suggestions. The Guide published annually by the department gives detailed information for Church School classes, suggestions for mid-week adult study sessions and lists of books for personal reading and devotions during Lent. It was in the mail early in January, if you do not have a copy, contact Room 30, Church House.

Youth

The National Youth Commission, composed of young people from every province in the United States in cooperation with the youth of the National Council of Churches has set aside *February 20th,* the third Sunday in the month, as the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, "A day God gathers us together, a world-wide praying community, from different nations, cities, universities, schools and churches —and brings anew to our remembrance that we belong to one another because we belong to Him."

Here in our own diocese we are providing for the corporate witness of all young churchmen by scheduling our annual Youth Service for that day. This service is held annually for *all* the youth of the diocese—those participating in youth organizations, Y.P.F., G.F.S., Daughters of the King, Servants of Christ the King, St. Vincent's Guild, Brotherhood of St. Andrew and for those young people who are not affiliated with specific groups but are members of our parishes. We are most fortunate this year to have for our preacher, the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Watson, Bishop of Utah, Chairman, National Division of Youth of the National Council.

YOUTH GUIDE — $.25

AUDIO-VISUAL GUIDE

$.50

Room 30, Church House

National Youth Week
January 30 - February 6th

Project—Know Your Christian Neighbor

"Our commitment to Christian Citizenship requires that all Christians work together on community problems. Our Christian Fellowship depends upon our knowing, appreciating, and having confidence in one another as Christian brothers and sisters, as children of God and fellow seekers for His Kingdom."

PROGRAM HORIZONS

February 5th, 1955

Workshop, seminars, exhibits, audio-visuals for making youth programs more pertinent, meaningful and vital.

For more information contact Lloyd Winter, 2039 Loney St., Phila. 15, Pa., our representative on the Philadelphia Christian Youth Council — Young People's division of the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

Audio-Visual Library

The Department of Christian Education has a library sufficiently well stocked with projected audio-visual aids for every parish to use in its educational program with convenience and at moderate cost. Ten dollars per year will entitle a parish to participate in the CO-OPERATIVE PLAN—the initial fee covers rental costs for all slides and filmstrips used. 16 mm films (not included in Co-operative membership fee) are $4.25.

The term "Audio-Visual Aids" includes everything which a person can see and hear which helps him to understand and appreciate the subject being studied. As the word implies these are Aids to good teaching, not substitutes for it. Their use calls for greater ability and skill on the part of the teacher than less. Audio-Visual Aids enable students to learn more in a given time and to retain facts longer but this is only possible when there has been careful planning and preparation.

A *new* Audio-Visual Guide has just been completed. The punctures in the left-hand margin are for your convenience. We suggest you put the Guide in a loose-leaf cover because as new materials are received we will send you supplementary pages. One copy has been sent to each parish. Additional copies may be purchased in Room 30, Church House. Appointments may also be made for obtaining information on the use of Audio-visual aids, and help in planning educational programs.

Youth Guide (Epiphany to Easter)

is full of material for help on Mission Study—*THE CITY.* One copy has been sent to each parish additional copies—Room 30.

February 20th—Annual Youth Service

4 p.m.

Old Christ Church

Sermon—The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Watson
Missionary District of Utah
Chairman, Division of Youth, National Council

Church Work Among the Blind

The Episcopal City Mission has organized a new standing committee on Church Work Among the Blind.

Mr. I. Smith Raspin was elected chairman of the committee; other members are the Rev. Percy Stockman, the Rev. James Gilbert, chairman of the Diocesan Convention's Committee on Church Work Among the Blind, the Rev. Arnold Purdie, member ex-officio, and Miss Hazel Fewsmith, director of the Church Work Among the Blind of City Mission.

At its meeting Miss Fewsmith reported on the work as at present carried on. A continuation of the old Society for the Promotion of Church Work Among the Blind, it has been a part of the Episcopal City Mission for twenty-nine years. It is partially supported by funds from the Missionary Budget of the Diocese.

The aim of the work is to let people with severe visual loss know that the Church cares and to strengthen their connection with whatever church has for them most meaning, and to assist them with social and personal problems related to their handicap.

Miss Fewsmith told of an older woman living alone and blind who had lost touch with her parish. Now her rector brings her Communion and one of the vestrymen always sees that her Blind Pension check is cashed.

To face the emotional crises of oncoming blindness involves readjustment in thinking and living. Miss Fewsmith explained to the new committee how Church Work Among the Blind, with its knowledge of community resources and its understanding of some of the difficult problems, can help with living plans and adjustments and can bring a measure of security to these troubled people. To those who can read or are learning Braille, portions of the Prayer Book and the Foreward Movement Booklets in Braille are a comfort.

The committee under Mr. Raspin's enthusiastic chairmanship considered possible ways of making this service effective with the help of volunteers from among our church men and women. There are, the committee realized, blind persons who would like friendly visiting, or to be taken shopping, or to church. The committee expressed the hope that many of the church people would get in touch with Miss Fewsmith and offer themselves as volunteers.

A very important aspect of the work is the need for our Diocese to know that there is for their blind parishioners a real service to be found at City Mission.

Bible stories in Braille provided through Church Work among the Blind can be read aloud by a sightless Grandmother.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The Annual Meeting, Jan. 28, was addressed by Miss Vivian Novak of the Nat'l C.P.C. Board, N. Y., by special request. She interested and inspired all by her talk on the International work, emphasizing the far-reaching effect of the printed word such as prayer books, texts for schools and hospitals, on the peoples depending on our Missionaries for guidance and inspiration here and overseas.

Replacing the December meeting forty new books were sent to mission priests and teachers as Christmas gifts and one hundred sixty packages to the following missions: St. Christopher's, Butte, Mont.; Epiphany Mission, Sherwood, Tenn.; Grace House On The Mountain, Va.; Tarry Mission, Stanton, Tenn.

IN THE DIOCESE

Mr. Conrad Hiorth, who retired as sexton of St. Paul's Church, Chester, was recently honored at a Sunday morning service in the church, when Vestryman William B. McClenachan paid tribute to him for his faithful service to the parish from 1913 to 1954 and presented him with a purse on behalf of the parish.

Mr. James R. Taylor, formerly of the choir of St. Mary's Church, Wayne, is now first tenor in the choir of St. Paul's Church, Chester.

The December cover of *The Pennsy* (published by the Penna. R.R.) shows Mr. Andrew T. Patterson, a lay reader at St. James Church, Kingsessing, hanging a Christmas wreath at the window of Chestnut Hill station.

GENERAL CONVENTION TO MEET AT FAMOUS MISSION SCHOOL

By

THE REV. FREDERICK A. MCDONALD

(Reprinted from *Forth* Magazine)

When General Convention meets in Honolulu, September 4-15, deputies from every diocese and missionary district of the Church will assemble on the campus of Iolani School, under the imposing shadow of Diamond Head. The rich and interesting history of Iolani School, which was founded more than ninety years ago, closely follows the history of the Church in the Hawaiian Islands.

Iolani's origin was both humble and royal. After many years of persistent requests for an Anglican mission from King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, missionaries were sent from England to Hawaii in 1862. With them came the first Bishop of Honolulu, the Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Staley, armed with a mandate from the Archbishop of Canterbury to develop the witness of Anglicanism in the Central Pacific.

Bishop Staley felt that education must co-exist with his plans for evangelism. In the brush at the entrance to Pauoa Valley he put up some rude huts, in which teaching could be given, and named the place St. Alban's College. This was the beginning of what is now Iolani School.

The bishop's most loyal disciple was King Kamehameha, who subscribed one thousand dollars a year toward the bishop's schools. A student of Christian history has said that not since the days of King Alfred has there been a sovereign who participated so intimately and ably in the Church's forward thrust. Wise, kindly, and devout, Kamehameha IV was willing to travel to any part of his island realm to further the Church's work.

He lived, however, but a scant year from the day of the bishop's coming. His successor, Kamehameha V considered his guardianship of the Church as a sacred trust given to him by his late brother, but his reign, too, proved to be brief and the royal succession fell into the hands of a dynasty with other religious interests. It was not until the last Queen, Liliuokalani, began her reign in 1891 that the Church once again had a communicant in the person of the sovereign.

Liliuokalani was deposed in 1893 in a revolution led by an American, Sanford B. Dole, who became president of the Republic that existed for five years before annexation with the United States. The Queen was always deeply interested, to the end of her life, in the well-being of Iolani.

Bishop Staley set the pattern of devoted concern for Iolani School that has marked each of his Episcopal successors. During the course of the succeeding years, as the school achieved high academic standards, the enrollment grew, and the need for better facilities arose. Iolani moved several times. The school's present twenty-five acres near the center of Waikiki were purchased by the Rt. Rev. S. Harrington Littell, and the permanent move to this site was accomplished two years ago under the present bishop, the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy.

In origin, St. Alban's was first planned to be a school for Europeans, and a second school, Iolani, was to be the place where Hawaiians would receive their education. The incurably friendly disposition of the Hawaiians, who never at any moment in history have thought of other races as strangers to them, broke down this sense of racial barrier. The two institutions merged into what is now known as Iolani School. The King himself gave the school its title, *Io* meaning *hawk* and *lani* meaning *heaven,* expressing the poetic Hawaiian thought that as the bird flies over the earth, so the King is over his people.

As other races made their way to Hawaii from the Orient, Iolani played a very large part in introducing them to the great ideas of Western Christendom. One of the most distinguished graduates of Iolani is the founder of the Chinese Republic, Sun Yat Sen, who brought China from the middle ages into the twentieth century. Sun Yat Sen attended Iolani between 1880 and 1886. His attraction to Christianity while he was attending daily chapel services was so great that he wished to be baptized. This his parents would not permit, but without any question the ideas taught him at Iolani led to his identification with the Christian cause when he returned to Hong Kong.

Although Iolani School at that time was strong in its support of the Hawaiian monarchy, China's first president also absorbed many of his ideals of justice and liberty from his teachers here. The school possesses as a very proud treasure, his will, which was presented by his daughter, Sally Sun, in 1935.

From the school's founding to the present day, many other graduates have made the school's influence felt throughout the Pacific world. There was a time, and a happier time than now, when there were twenty-four Iolani boys at St. John's University in Shanghai, and eighteen at Boone University in Hankow. There are leaders of every race in the Hawaiian area today who look fondly back to Iolani as their alma mater.

At the present time Iolani has 850 pupils, with a staff of approximately fifty. Every year twice as many boys apply for admission as the school can place. All the evidence indicates that the school has a greater role yet to play in what historians describe as the next step in world history of the Pacific era.

CHRIST CHURCH HOSPITAL

The Residents at Christ Church Hospital wish to thank their many friends for the glowing warmth of Christmas remembrances which came to them from all parts of the diocese throughout the month of December.

On December 2, a trio was brought to the Home for a musical entertainment in memory of Mrs. Sarah E. Heaberg who died in Sept. 1952 at the age of 91 years. Refreshments were provided for the whole household. This lovely memorial tribute which gave so much pleasure was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Heaberg and Miss Wilma Alice Addams.

On December 15th the Bala-Cynwyd Women's Club held a Christmas party for the Residents which was attended by 19 of them. This party has been repeated for several years and is a wonderful neighborly gesture which is much appreciated.

On December 19th the Wassailers (formerly the Merion Carolers) sang carols through the house, and that evening a group from Trinity Church, Oxford, brought a Santa Claus and cookies, candy and oranges for the entire House and after a little Bible reading by the Rev. Mr. Holloway, put on a rollicking program of Carols, games, gifts, etc., which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The Girls' Friendly from St. Mark's, Frankford, brought gift-baskets for the Infirmary Floor.

On December 20th a troop of Girl Scouts under the guidance of Mrs. R. H. Driscoll came with some gifts and gave a program of carols through the house.

On December 23rd St. Peter's choir gave a beautiful program and the Ladies' Committee of Christ Church Hospital provided refreshments. That evening the Young Peoples Fellowship of St. Faith, in Brookline, came with a program of carols and also a group from Lower Merion High School.

On December 24th St. Asaph's YPF sang carols through the house and a group from St. Luke's Church in Buck's County brought fancy cups and candy for everyone.

The services in the chapel on Christmas Day were enhanced by the addition of a pair of handsome candelabra on the altar, which have been placed there on indefinite loan from St. James Church, Hestonville.

To the above and to many other friends who contributed gifts: to Christ Church at 2nd and Market Sts.; to St. Martin's Church, Radnor; to the Ladies Committee of Christ Church Hospital; to Mrs. William Richter; and Mr. and Mrs. Linfoot,—the Residents send their sincere thanks and pray that the blessing that comes with giving may be richly yours.

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IN THE DIOCESE

Women of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, are gathering wool to knit an afghan to send to the Rev. Walter Hannum, who went out from this parish to serve as a missionary in Alaska.

The Rev. E. Burke Inlow was recently instituted as rector of the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, by Bishop Armstrong.

A purse consisting of $1,400 was presented to the Rev. Edward H. Vogt, rector emeritus, by the people of St. Peter's Church, Germantown.

From Feb. 11 to April 10 the Rev. and Mrs. Percy R. Stockman, of the Seamen's Church Institute will accompany two friends on a Mediterranean cruise.

Beginning March 27 and continuing for four successive nights there will be "A School of Prayer" at Trinity Church, Swarthmore, conducted by the Rev. William Turkington, assistant superior of the Order of the Holy Cross.

BEQUESTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS

A wrought iron lamp-stand was given to St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stein, members of the Church. It is for beside the lectern, and holds a kerosene lamp.

At St. Gabriel's Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street, a silver lavabo bowl was given in memory of Florence Olivia Todd, also a chancel prayer book in memory of Jennie Bell, and a matching hymnal in memory of Margaret Kelly.

An outside electric lighted oak sign has been given to the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22nd and Morris Streets, by the Young People of the Chapel.

A new altar superfrontal was recently dedicated at Christ Church, Media, in memory of Dorothea Stillwell, paid for by donations sent to the rector instead of flowers at the time of her burial.

New choir caps at the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, have been given in memory of Lt. Earl Hepburn, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bacon.

A lectern Bible was recently dedicated at the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, in loving memory of Robert V. Geasey, who was a vestryman, Church School teacher, and a loyal worker of that parish.

A new linen alb has been given to St. Luke's Church, Kensington, by Mrs. Sue Kirk Millan. A Gothic Rood Screen and four oak Riddle Posts have been given anonymously to this church. Two new gas ovens have been installed in the parish house; one the gift of St. Mary's Altar Guild, the other from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zeigenfuss.

The Altar Guild of All Saints Church, Darby, has provided new pulpit falls and stoles. Mr. Donald Haldeman has given two new hassocks for the sanctuary. Messers Tiffany and Chadwick have provided a lamp for the pulpit.

The cloth of gold vestments which were worn for the first time on Christmas Day at Christ Church, Media, were presented as a thank offering by the confirmation class confirmed by Bishop Armstrong on Dec. 26.

A ewer was recently presented to St. Peter's Church, Germantown, by the Rev. Edward H. Vogt, rector emeritus.

With money earned by their organization, St. Vincent's Acolyte Guild of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, have purchased a complete set of black cassocks and rochets.

A new wooden cabinet to hold altar linens, etc., has been built in the sacristy of the Church of the Epiphany, Germantown. The lumber was furnished and the work done by several of the vestrymen of the parish.

An altar service book in memory of Mary R. Anderson and a prayer book for use at the altar in memory of Robert Conover Acton have recently been presented to St. James Church, Kingsessing.

Needle point cover for cushion at the altar rail of St. David's Church, Radnor, were recently dedicated in loving memory of Aubrey Huston, who was a member of the vestry for twenty years.

A silver baptismal shell, recently dedicated at Grace Church and the Incarnation, was given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the parish.

Mr. Harry Schob, a member of the parish, has presented to Christ Church, Media, 130 kneeling pads for use in the pews.

An oriental temple tree has been planted at the west end of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, as a memorial to James Stewart.

The Embroidery Guild of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, has given $60 for the repair of a cruet which is used at the altar of that church. The original crystal bowl, which had been broken, was replaced with silver.

The Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Pennsylvania presented to the Conference Center at Christmas the following Altar Appointments: one Missal Desk, one Alms Bason, four Offering Plates, all of Gorham etched brass; one Altar Service Book in red leather. These gifts were purchased through the free will offerings of individual members of the Order. A chancel Prayer Book and Chancel Hymnal in red leather was presented to the Conference Center by Bunting and Harris to match the Altar Service Book presented by the Daughters of the King.

CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Alfred Vail, deacon, is Minister-in-charge of St. James Church, Downingtown.

The Rev. William V. Ischie, formerly curate at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, is now rector of Christ Church, 6th and Venango Streets.

The Rev. R. K. Bauder, formerly assistant at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is now vicar of Emmanuel Church, Quakertown.

The Rev. George Condit, formerly rector of St. Matthias Church, 7485 Briar Road, is now rector of St. George's Church, Central Falls, Rhode Island.

The Rev. Frederick M. Brooks, formerly rector of St. Paul's Church, Fall River, Mass., is now rector of the Church of The Saviour, West Philadelphia.

IN GOD'S KEEPING

Mr. John S. W. Manogue, a former vestryman and lay reader at the Memorial Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge, died Jan 3 and was buried from the church Jan. 7.

Mr. Charles Francis Gummey, a vestryman of the Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd, died Jan. 4 and was buried from the church Jan. 6 with interment in the church yard.

Mrs. Esther Ellery Elliot Sparkman, wife of the Rev. Thorne Sparkman, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, died Jan. 11 and was buried from that church Jan. 13, with interment in the church yard.

The Rev. Benjamin H. Bissell, assistant at St. Peter's Church, 3d and Pine Streets, who died Dec. 27, was buried on Jan. 4 with interment in Connecticut.

Mrs. Jessie Erp, wife of the Rev. Ernest C. Erp, rector emeritus of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, died Jan. 16 and was buried from the church Jan. 19 with interment in the church yard.

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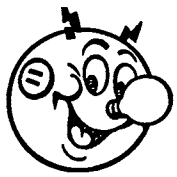

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